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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY: SEPTEMBER 7 PRE-UNGA

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SUMMARY: US TEAM (DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARIES BOSWORTH AND  
FRANK, RPE'S ALBRECHT AND USUN'S WILSON) HAD FULL DAY'S  
CONSULTATION ON UNGA ISSUES SEPTEMBER 7 WITH SENIOR  
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OFFICIALS OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THEIR EC  
PRESIDENCY ROLE. MORNING SESSION COVERED ECONOMIC ISSUES  
(SEPTTEL). AFTERNOON SESSION COVERED FOLLOWING POLITICAL  
ISSUES: UN RESTRUCTURING, SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST,  
CYPRUS, KOREA (SEPTTEL), PUERTO RICO, GUAM, ILO (SEPTTEL)  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS: END SUMMARY.

1. UN RESTRUCTURING--DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK REVIEWED US POSITION ON RESTRUCTURING, STATING THAT US MIGHT EVENTUALLY DECIDE TO WITHDRAW OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF SLOT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT IF THAT WERE THE PRICE DEMANDED BY DEVELOPING NATIONS FOR GOING ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE RESTRUCTURING. THE BELGIANS (DE MOUDT) SAID THE NINE SHARED OUR "CAUTIOUS" APPROACH TO RESTRUCTURING. HE SAID NINE OPPOSE CREATION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT SLOT ALTHOUGH "SOME" OF THE NINE AGREE THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTH GIVING IN ON NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL IF THAT WOULD ASSURE DEVELOPING NATIONS' SUPPORT FOR RESTRUCTURING. HE SAID THAT NINE WOULD BE MEETING IN NEW YORK ON THIS QUESTION SEPTEMBER 8.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA--US OFFICERS REVIEWED US POSITION AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND APARTHEID, EMPHASIZING US LOOKING AT SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE AND STRESSING ROLE OF ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND IN GENERAL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTRY AFRICAN DESK OFFICER (VAN BRUSSELEN) SAID NINE FULLY AGREE WITH US POSITIONS ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, ADDING THAT THEY WERE WATCHING CLOSELY KEY QUESTION OF RHODESIAN OPPOSITION GROUPS' REPLIES TO THE JOINT US-UK PROPOSALS. VAN BRUSSELEN SAID NINE MADE "FORCEFUL CONDEMNATION" OF APARTHEID AT LAGOS MEETING IN AUGUST BUT SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER NINE WOULD DECIDE TO SUPPORT  
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AN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. VAN BRUSSELEN REVIEWED STATUS OF EC CODE OF CONDUCT AND LIST OF OTHER POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA (BRUSSELS 11262), AND SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET HOPES TO ANNOUNCE NINE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT IN HIS EC PRESIDENCY SPEECH TO 32 UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 26.

3. MIDDLE EAST--IN REPLY TO US REVIEW OF POLICY AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR (PATERNOTTE) SAID HE HOPED TO SEE SOME PROGRESS COME OUT OF US MEETINGS WITH MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS BEFORE 32 UNGA OPENS SO THAT SUBSEQUENT UN DEBATE WON'T PROVE HARMFUL TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS "SOME SYMPATHY" AMONG NINE FOR PALESTINIAN RESERVATIONS ABOUT RESOLUTION 242, NINE SHARE US VIEW THAT "TAMPERING WITH 242 MIGHT BE HARMFUL" AND THEREFORE "FOR THE TIME BEING" NINE DO NOT WANT TO ALTER 242. ON THE QUESTION OF ANTICIPATED DEBATES ON NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK, PATERNOTTE VIEWED EXPECTED MODERATE ARAB LANGUAGE AS MORE DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE THAN PAST STRIDENT RHETORIC AND SAID THAT NINE MIGHT FIND IT "DIFFICULT" TO OPPOSE A "MODERATE" ARAB

RESOLUTION ON ISSUE GIVEN RECENT EUROPEAN AND US  
STATEMENTS OPPOSING THE NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS.

CONCURRING WITH US AIM TO PREVENT UNGA DEBATE FROM  
SPOILING FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARDS CONVENING GENEVA PEACE  
CONFERENCE, PATERNOTTE WARNED THAT IF BY MID-OCTOBER THERE  
WERE NO CONCRETE SIGNS OF MOVING TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST  
SETTLEMENT--FOR EXAMPLE, FIRM DATES FOR RECONVENING  
GENEVA CONFERENCE--THEN ARABS MIGHT "REVERT TO FORMER  
AGGRESSIVE SELVES" BOTH IN UNGA AND OUTSIDE, WITH  
POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED TERRORISM IN LEBANON OR ATTEMPTS  
TO OVERTHROW MODERATE ARAB REGIMES IN ARABIAN PENINSULA  
AND PERSIAN GULF.

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ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, PATERNOTTE SAID NINE HAVE ALWAYS  
TOLD ARABS THAT DIALOGUE WAS NOT PROPER FORUM FOR  
"NEGOTIATIONS." HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN "EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS" ON POLITICAL MATTERS AT LAST YEAR'S TUNIS MEETING

AND THAT FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE UPCOMING OCTOBER 26-28 MEETING WILL HAVE SOME "SENTENCES ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA." HE THOUGH NINE WOULD BE "OFF THE HOOK" ON THIS ISSUE IN OCTOBER SINCE ARABFOCUS WOULD BE ON UNGA AND NOT EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

4. CYPRUS--FOREIGN MINISTRY CYPRUS DESK OFFICER (LEJEUNE)  
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REVIEWED THE EC POSITION ON CYPRUS ALONG LINES REPORTED BRUSSELS 11261. LEJEUNE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE MOST SIGNIFIKNT OPPOSITION TO RENEWED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAME FROM DENKTASH FOR REASONS NOT CLEAR TO THE BELGIANS. HE SAID THAT THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT THE GREEK-TURKISH MILITARY EQUILIBRIUM MIGHT SHIFT TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE GREEKS DUE TO THE US EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY. HOWEVER, OR PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THIS, THE CLIMATE OF OPINION IN TURKEY WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO USEFUL MOVES FORWARD IS IMPROVING. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS, ACCORDING TO BELGIAN INFORMATION, PREPARING A LIST OF PROPOSALS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. A COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THAT TURKISH INFLUENCE ON DENKTASH APPEARS TO BE DIMINISHING. US OFFICERS REVIEWED US INFORMATION AND UNDERLINED THE US GOAL TO GET INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESTARTED. IT WAS REALIZED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DO SO BEFORE THE FEBRUARY ELECTIONS IN CYPRUS, BUT US OFFICERS NOTED THAT THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY CAPABLE OF ACTING EFFECTIVELY BEFORE THE ELECTIONS.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS--BELGIAN MFA HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER (GENOT) SAID NINE HAD SUPPORTED IN 1973 ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOULD SUPPORT "SINGLE" HIGH COMMISSIONER AGAIN THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE "SKEPTICAL" ABOUT OUTCOME. ON ISSUE OF TORTURE, GENOT SAID BELGIUM COULD SUPPORT US PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT BY UNGA OF WORKING GROUP ON TORTURE, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED EXISTENCE OF MANY CONCURRENT INITIATIVES ON TORTURE ISSUE. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID THAT BELGIUM, WITH SUPPORT OF THE NINE, PLANNED TO REINTRODUCE THIS YEAR ITS PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503 PROCEDURES TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HE SAID THAT BELGIAN  
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PERMREP IN NEW YORK WOULD SOON BEGIN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN DRAFT PROPOSAL AND, IF SOUNDINGS WERE GOOD, WOULD

REINTRODUCE PROPOSAL. USUN REP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT  
BELGIAN INITIATIVE SEEMED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY  
OF IMPROVING UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY.

6. PUERTO RICO AND GUAM--IN RESPONSE TO RUNDOWN ON  
US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND GUAM ISSUES, FOREIGN  
MINISTRY'S IO DIRECTOR (BAUWENS) SAID THAT NINE WOULD  
AGAIN SUPPORT US ON THESE ISSUES SHOULD THEY COME UP IN  
THE 32ND UNGA. CHAMBERS

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